

Empowerment of beggar population

419. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to record the number of beggars in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the aforementioned figures have been used to identify the Differently Abled Beggar population and the number of Child Beggars in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has or proposes any schemes, solely for the development and empowerment of the beggar population and eliminate begging as an organized crime in the country, if so, details thereof; and

(d) the number of beggar beneficiaries under such Government scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) and (b) As per the State-wise Census 2011 details furnished by the Office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India, the number of Beggars, Vagrants etc. in India is as follows:

(i) Total Beggars, Vagrants etc.	-	413670
(ii) Child Beggars, Vagrants etc.	-	45296
(iii) Total Disabled Beggars, Vagrants etc.	-	70506

The State-wise details are given in the Statement-I, Statement-II and statement -III respectively (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The States are responsible for taking necessary preventive and rehabilitative steps. As per available information, 20 States and 2 Union Territories have enacted their own anti-beggary legislation or adopted legislation enacted by other States/UTs. Presently, there is no Scheme of the Central Government on Beggary. National Consultation Meetings were held with the representatives of Central/State Governments, NGOs, Institutes and Individual Experts in the field of Beggary to discuss the issues related to Beggary. In these meetings, it was inter-alia, recommended to explore the feasibility of framing a Central Scheme for rehabilitation of Beggars. Accordingly, a Scheme for Rehabilitation of Beggars/ Destitutes is under formulation.

Statement-I*Total Beggars, Vagrants etc: Census-2011*

India/State/UT	Persons	Males	Females
India	413670	221673	191997
Jammu and Kashmir	4134	2550	1584
Himachal Pradesh	809	504	305
Punjab	7939	5197	2742
Chandigarh	121	87	34
Uttarakhand	3320	2374	946
Haryana	8682	6504	2178
NCT of Delhi	2187	1343	844
Rajasthan	25853	15271	10582
Uttar Pradesh	65835	41859	23976
Bihar	29723	14842	14881
Sikkim	68	46	22
Arunachal Pradesh	114	59	55
Nagaland	124	65	59
Manipur	263	117	146
Mizoram	53	33	20
Tripura	1490	607	883
Meghalaya	396	172	224
Assam	22116	7269	14847
West Bengal	81244	33086	48158
Jharkhand	10819	5522	5297
Odisha	17965	9981	7984
Chhattisgarh	10198	4995	5203
Madhya Pradesh	28695	17506	11189
Gujarat	13445	8549	4896

India/State/Ut	Persons	Males	Females
Daman & Diu	22	15	7
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	19	7	12
Maharashtra	24307	14020	10287
Andhra Pradesh	30218	16264	13954
Karnataka	12270	6436	5834
Goa	247	131	116
Lakshadweep	2	0	2
Kerala	4023	2397	1626
Tamil Nadu	6814	3789	3025
Puducherry	99	54	45
A & N Islands	56	22	34

Statement-II*Child Beggars, Vagrants etc: Census-2011*

India/State/Ut	Persons	Males	Females
India	45296	24378	20918
Jammu and Kashmir	990	553	437
Himachal Pradesh	178	87	91
Punjab	1214	669	545
Chandigarh	11	8	3
Uttarakhand	274	166	108
Haryana	1171	712	459
NCT of Delhi	290	152	138
Rajasthan	7167	3770	3397
Uttar Pradesh	10167	5695	4472
Bihar	3396	1840	1556
Sikkim	1	1	0
Arunachal Pradesh	24	11	13
Nagaland	20	11	9

India/State/Ut	Persons	Males	Females
Manipur	34	16	18
Mizoram	6	4	2
Tripura	43	29	14
Meghalaya	38	20	18
Assam	686	366	320
West Bengal	3216	1705	1511
Jharkhand	1254	659	595
Odisha	905	491	414
Chhattisgarh	1065	524	541
Madhya Pradesh	2592	1461	1131
Gujarat	1982	1095	887
Daman and Diu	8	3	5
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
Maharashtra	3026	1629	1397
Andhra Pradesh	3128	1504	1624
Karnataka	1602	793	809
Goa	24	12	12
Lakshadweep	1	0	1
Kerala	202	94	108
Tamil Nadu	572	295	277
Puducherry	9	3	6
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0

Statement-III*Total Disabled Beggars, Vagrants etc. : Census 2011*

Area Name	Persons	Male	Female
India	70506	43141	27365
State - Jammu & Kashmir (01)	834	603	231
State - Himachal Pradesh (02)	148	112	36

Area Name	Persons	Male	Female
State - Punjab (03)	1296	825	471
State - Chandigarh (04)	33	28	5
State - Uttarakhand (05)	551	385	166
State - Haryana (06)	825	606	219
State - NCT of Delhi (07)	588	407	181
State - Rajasthan (08)	2331	1588	743
State - Uttar Pradesh (09)	6003	4220	1783
State - Bihar (10)	5276	3399	1877
State - Sikkim (11)	39	22	17
State - Arunachal Pradesh (12)	10	7	3
State - Nagaland (13)	42	26	16
State - Manipur (14)	69	44	25
State - Mizoram (15)	20	15	5
State - Tripura (16)	147	78	69
State - Meghalaya (17)	117	60	57
State - Assam (18)	5311	2884	2427
State - West Bengal (19)	13798	7697	6101
State - Jharkhand (20)	3224	1849	1375
State - Odisha (21)	6550	3850	2700
State - Chhattisgarh (22)	2537	1329	1208
State - Madhya Pradesh (23)	4868	3135	1733
State - Gujarat (24)	1686	1179	507
State - Daman & Diu (25)	5	5	0
State - Dadra & Nagar Haveli (26)	5	2	3
State - Maharashtra (27)	4456	2738	1718
State - Andhra Pradesh (28)	5593	3343	2250
State - Karnataka (29)	1891	1178	713
State - Goa (30)	39	24	15
State - Lakshadweep (31)	0	0	0

Area Name	Persons	Male	Female
State - Kerala (32)	945	665	280
State - Tamil Nadu (33)	1239	821	418
State - Puducherry (34)	23	11	12
State - Andaman and Nicobar Islands (35)	7	6	1

Hostels under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana

420. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposed to construct 443 hostels for SC/ ST students under 'Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana' throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the number of hostels constructed under this scheme so far and number of hostels proposed to be constructed in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA) : (a) and (b) Admissible financial assistance is provided for construction of hostels for the Scheduled Caste students to the eligible implementing agencies under the Scheme "Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana" (BJRCY).

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, 572 hostels were sanctioned to State Governments/UT Administrations/Universities/NGOs, which include 443 hostels sanctioned to States during the first three years *i.e.* 2007-08 to 2009-10 of the said Plan Period. As per information received from the implementing agencies, out of 572 hostels, construction of 447 hostels has been confirmed so far.

During Twelfth Plan, 110 hostels have been sanctioned under the Scheme so far.

The hostels are sanctioned on receipt of complete proposals from the implementing agencies subject to availability of funds under the Scheme.

Irregularities in working of National Trust for Autism Cerebral Palsy

421. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some serious concerns have been raised in appointments, promotion and disbursal of grants etc. in the working of National Trust for Autism Cerebral Palsy etc.;